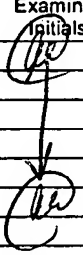



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO & 1449B/PTQ			Complete if Known		
FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <small>(use as many sheets as necessary)</small>			Application Number		
			Filing Date	April 1, 2004	
			First Named Inventor	Metzger, Andreas et. al.	
			Examiner Name		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	032498-025

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials	Document Number	Kind Code (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Issue/Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Document Number	Kind Code (if known)	Country	Date of Publication (MM-DD-YYYY)	Translation	
					Yes	No
	38 33 221	C2	German Patentschrift	Jan. 30, 1997		X
	40 22 146	A1	German Offenlegungsschrift	Jan. 31, 1991		X
	81 35 182.8		German Gebrauchsmuster	March 4, 1982		x
	0 518 202	A1	EPO	Dec. 16, 1992		X
	1 083 420	A2	EPO	Aug. 28, 2000		X
	1 054 242	A2	EPO	May 12, 2000		X

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	12/23/04
--------------------	---	-----------------	----------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.